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SUBJ: CANADA TERMINATES NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA

1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF SECSTATE MACEACHEN ANNOUNCED TODAY
THAT CANADA HAS DECIDED TERMINATE FURTHER NUCLEAR COOPERATION
WITH INDIA. MACEACHEN CITED UNBRIDGEABLE DIFFERENCES BET-
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AND INDIAN POSITION THAT ANY SOVEREIGN NATION HAS RIGHT TO

DECIDE ITSELF WHAT IS AND IS NOT PEACEFUL. STATEMENT WELCOMED BY OPPOSITION PARTY SPOKESMAN WHO, HOWEVER, TERMED IF ONE STEP TOWARD SANE NUCLEAR POLICY WHICH REQUIRES ABSOLUTE MORATORIUM ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS. END SUMMARY

2. IN HOUSE OF COMMONS MAY 18, SECSTATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MACEACHEN ANNOUNCED CABINET DECISION THAT FURTHER NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE. IN STATEMENT, MACEACHEN REFERRED TO FACT CANADA'S NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA HAD BEGUN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COLOMBO PLAN AND ENVISAGED USE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS ONLY FOR SUCH PEACEFUL USES AS POWER GENERATION, MEDICINE, ETC. 1974 EXPLOSION BY INDIA INDICATED PROFOUND DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CANADA AND INDIA ON DEFINITION OF PEACEFUL USES. CANADA, MACEACHEN SAID, RECOGNIZES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN PEACEFUL AND NON-PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS. ALTHOUGH CANADA, WHICH HAS LONG HAD THE TECHNOLOGY, HAS THUS FOREGONE THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS, INDIA HAS TAKEN A POSITION THAT ANY COUNTRY SHOULD BE FREE TO DO ANYTHING WHICH IT CONSIDERS TO BE PEACEFUL.

3. MACEACHEN SAID THAT IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA CANADA HAD INSISTED THAT ANY COOPERATION SHOULD BE COVERED BY SAFEGUARDS AGAINST THE USE OF ANY NUCLEAR MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY CANADA FOR EXPLOSIVE PURPOSES. CANADA HAD FURTHER INSISTED THAT IT COULD PROCEED WITH SUPPLYING NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO INDIA ONLY IF IT COULD BE GIVEN GUARANTEES AGAINST ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS FROM ANY FACILITY IN INDIA. HE INDICATED THAT GUARANTEE WAS AVAILABLE ONLY WITH RESPECT TO RAPP REACTORS WHICH COVERED BY SAFEGUARDS. MACEACHEN CONCLUDED THAT PRESENT DECISION NOT INTENDED TO AFFECT OTHER ASPECTS OF THE CANADIAN/INDIAN RELATIONSHIP WHICH CANADA WILL REVIEW WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT IMPORTANT COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY.

4. RESPONDING FOR OFFICIAL OPPOSITION PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY, FONAFF CRITIC CLAUDE WAGNER WELCOMED THE STATEMENT AS "STEP TOWARD NUCLEAR SANITY." HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS, HOWEVER, ONLY A SMALL STEP AND THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY WOULD REQUIRE A MORATORIUM ON EXPORTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS DECISION WOULD LEAD TO A REASSESSMENT OF CANADA'S NUCLEAR RELATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. WAGNER REFERRED TO STATEMENT CONCERNING INDIAN NEGOTIATIONS MADE BY MACEACHEN IN LATE MARCH WHEN HE INDICATED THAT CANADA FACED A MORAL DELEMMA GIVEN THE

CONFLICT BETWEEN ITS DESIRE TO PREVENT PROLIFERATION AND ITS DESIRE TO ASSIST OTHER NEEDY COUNTRIES TO ACQUIRE NUCLEAR ENERGY. WAGNER TERMED THIS ALLEGED MORAL DILEMMA "IRRELEVANT." CANADA, HE SAID, MUST DO NOTHING TO FURTHER PROLIFERATION AND THAT THIS AIM TAKES CLEAR PRECEDENCE OVER ANY CANADIAN DESIRE TO HELP LDCS VIA NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY. HE URGED CANADA TO DEVELOP A CONTROLS POLICY AT LEAST EQUAL TO THAT OF THE US WHICH HE CLAIMED IT NOW FAR BELOW. HE ALSO CRITICIZED GOC FOR FACT THIS IMPORTANT DECISION TAKEN WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION OR DISCUSSION IN PARLIAMENT. HE SOUNDED NOTE OF CAUTION THAT TODAY'S DECISION WOULD HAVE LITTLE IMPACT ON INDIAN NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT, AT THE MOST DELAYING INDIAN COMPLETION OF RAPP II. HE CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO PUBLISH CANADA/INDIA AGREEMENT INITIALLED BY IVAN HEAD, FOR STATEMENT ON HOW DECISION WILL AFFECT OVERALL NUCLEAR EXPORT PROGRAM, AND FOR ELUCIDATION OF POINTS THAT COULD NOT BE RESOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDIA.

6. WAGNER SENTIMENTS ECHOED BY NDP (SOCIALIST) SPOKESMAN LEGGATT WHO SPECIFIED NEED TO PROCEED FROM THIS DECISION TO TERMINATE NUCLEAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH SOUTH KOREA, ARGENTINA, PAKISTAN AND TAIWAN. HE STRESSED THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE CONTROL ON THE BASIS OF PAPER AGREEMENTS THAT CAN BE EASILY ABROGATED. LEGGATT UNDERScored FALLACY OF NEED TO PEDdle NUCLEAR REACTORS TO LDCS "LIKE USED CARS." HE ECHOED CALL FOR ABSOLUTE MORATORIUM. HE CONCLUDED THAT ONLY EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR NUCLEAR CONTROL WOULD BE AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT INVOLVING PARTIAL LOSS OF SOVEREIGNTY TO AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY HAVING REAL ENFORCEMENT POWERS, AND HE CALLED UPON CANADA TO BE THE FIRST TO PROPOSE THIS STEP IN THE UN AND START A SNOW-
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BALL IN THAT DIRECTION TO PREVENT THE AWESOME THREAT OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES IN THE HANDS OF UNRELIABLE ENTITIES.

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